IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE R.BASANT

WEDNESDAY, THE 18TH JULY 2007 / 27TH ASHADHA 1929

Crl.MC.No. 2289 of 2007()

CC.387/2003 of JUDL. MAGISTRATE OF FIRST CLASS COURT, KUNNAMKULAM
CRIME NO.156/2000 OF VADAKKEKAD POLICE STATION

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PETITIONER: ACCUSED:

KASIM, S/O. BAPPU,
KARIYEDATH VEETTIL, PUNNAYUR VILLAGE,
EDAKKAZHIYOOR DESOM, THRISSUR.

BY ADV. SRI.RAJIT
SRI.RANJIT BABU

RESPONDENTS: STATE:

STATE OF KERALA,
REP. BY PUBLIC PROSECUTOR, HIGH COURT OF KERALA,
ERNAKULAM.

BY PUBLIC PROSECUTOR SRI.M.S.BREEZ

THIS CRIMINAL MISC. CASE HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 18/07/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY PASSED THE FOLLOWING:

R.BASANT, J.

Crl.M.C.No.2289 of 2007

Dated this the 18th day of July 2007

O R D E R

The petitioner faces indictment in a prosecution for offences punishable inter alia under Section 427 I.P.C. All offences alleged are bailable. Final report has been filed. Cognizance has been taken. The petitioner did not appear before the learned Magistrate and consequently a warrant of arrest issued by the learned Magistrate is chasing the petitioner now. The petitioner now submits that he is innocent. His absence was not wilful. The petitioner now wants to surrender before the learned Magistrate and co-operate with the court for the early disposal of this case. But he apprehends that his application for bail may not be considered by the learned Magistrate on merits, in accordance with law and expeditiously. He, therefore, prays that directions under Section 482 Cr.P.C. may be issued to the learned Magistrate to release the petitioner on bail when he appears and applies for bail.

2. It is for the petitioner to appear before the learned Magistrate and explain to the learned Magistrate, the

circumstances under which he could not earlier appear before the learned Magistrate.

3. I find absolutely no reason to assume that the learned Magistrate would not consider the application for bail to be filed by the petitioner on merits, in accordance with law and expeditiously. Every court must do the same. No special or specific directions appear to be necessary. Sufficient general directions have been issued in Alice George vs. Deputy Superintendent of Police [2003(1)KLT 339].

4. In the result, this Criminal Miscellaneous Case is dismissed but with the specific observation that if the petitioner surrenders before the learned Magistrate and applies for bail, after giving sufficient prior notice to the Prosecutor in charge of the case, the learned Magistrate must proceed to pass appropriate orders on merits, in accordance with law and expeditiously - on the date of surrender itself.

(R.BASANT, JUDGE)

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R.BASANT, J.

CRL.M.CNo.

ORDER

21ST DAY OF MAY2007